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Reply to Final Office Action of January 11, 2006

## Remarks/Arguments

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1-9 have been allowed, claims 23, 25-27 and 29-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, and claims 20-22, 24, 28 and 31-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. \$103. Claims 20-32 have been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claimed invention.

## Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicants are assuming that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is to be taken in light of the structure and interaction recited in the claims. Applicants note that the Examiner's various comments should not be used to read non-existent limitations into the claims.

## Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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